



Exhibit A Request for Confidential Treatment

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy

requests confidential treatment as follows:

- 1. The document for which confidential treatment is requested is Exhibit B, the invoice showing the credit amount from Northern Natural Gas.
- 2. NorthWestern requests that such confidential treatment be afforded indefinitely.
- 3. The name, address and phone number of the persons to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request are:

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Regulatory Specialist	Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs
NorthWestern Energy	NorthWestern Energy
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- 4. The grounds for confidentiality are that Exhibit B provides proprietary information concerning the Company.
- 5. As a factual basis in support of this request, please see the response to item 4, above.